



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 17, 2003

PRESENT: Cheu, Hauge, Clark, Eltgroth, and McCann

ABSENT: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mark Frederick
Mark Hubbell, Chairperson

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad
Deputy Director of Public Works – Engineering Karl Bjarke

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Cheu called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Julie Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Behzad opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

MINUTES: By unanimous vote, the minutes for the June 19, 2003 meeting were approved with a minor change.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Staff Report

*** Effectiveness of Bike Rodeo at Art a la Carte**

Ms. Behzad reported there was no Bike Rodeo at Art a la Carte. Staff was asked to see if there will be a Bike Rodeo at Art a la Carte this year. How much lead time do Police need?

*** Order of Bicycle Education tapes in Spanish for Channel 19**

Ms. Behzad reported that the Bicycle Education tapes in Spanish have been purchased and delivered. Staff was requested to ask Tony Eulo to broadcast the tapes on Channel 19.

*** Striping New Bike Lane at Llagas/Hale**

Mr. Bjarke reviewed the striping planned for Llagas & Hale. He also went over the striping for the Capriano project. Member Hauge had concerns about riding along Hale with no shoulder. Member Eltgroth said that he would discuss this issue at the next VTA meeting. There were questions on other intersections in the City. Mr. Bjarke suggested a list of all intersection locations be compiled and the list could be given to staff. Member Hauge suggested updating and prioritizing the list every quarter when reviewing the Bikeways Master Plan.

*** Process for Getting Committee's Ideas into Policy**

Ms. Behzad reported that the procedure is to have the item approved and finalized by BTAC. The item then needs to be taken to PRC for their comments and approval. Upon PRC approval, the item will be presented to the City Council in the form of a staff report prepared by staff. Karl Bjarke mentioned that he had a conversation with Mark Fredricks since he is the chairperson of the PRC. Mr. Fredricks concurred with the procedure and mentioned that it would be appropriate for BTAC members to attend PRC meetings. Member Eltgroth said he would talk to Members Hubbell and Fredricks to invite the Mayor or Greg Sellers to attend one of the BTAC meetings.

*** Any Plan to Close a Lane Downtown on Weekends to Facilitate Biking Through the Downtown?**

Mr. Bjarke reported that he was not aware of any near future plan to close a lane in the Downtown area. Member Eltgroth mentioned that the issue was discussed in one of the Downtown Task Force meetings to look into closing a lane in the Downtown area after opening the Butterfield Boulevard project.

Mr. Bjarke presented the striping plans for Quail Creek Subdivision project at Sunnyside and Watsonville Road. All the members were in agreement and pleased with the proposed striping plans.

2. Bicycle Resource Directory

Staff was asked to agendize this item for next month's meeting to present the final draft for BTAC members' approval.

3. Bike to Work Day / Bike to Work Week Recap

Ms. Behzad handed out the permit received from VTA along with the contact name and phone number for future use. She also mentioned that Public Works is holding a banner that was prepared for the event for use in future years.

4. Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

- July meeting was canceled. There was a workshop held in July but Member Eltgroth was not able to attend.

BUSINESS

1. Taste of Morgan Hill Bicycle Parking

Member Eltgroth attended Chamber's meeting. There will be items donated by Specialized Bicycle which will be handed out at the event. Member Clark will ask Specialized Bike staff for volunteers. Member Eltgroth volunteered to write an article for Crank Newsletter.

2. Morgan Hill's Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Member Hauge is still waiting for one more response before he can send the application. He acknowledged that Specialized has made their facility available for Bike League demonstration. He discussed that we should come up with ways to show the businesses and residents that Morgan Hill is a Bicycle Friendly Community.

3. Survey City Commissions and Planning Agencies Regarding Other City Locations Needing Bicycle Racks

Member McCann mentioned that he had conversations with Virginia Sellers about the Farmers Market location. He also mentioned that there are other locations needing bike racks. Member Clark asked about the other locations in the City. Several locations were mentioned. Also, bike parking issues were discussed. Members agreed that there should be a list of all the locations needing bike racks and parking. Private properties such as shopping centers were discussed. Members wondered who is checking the new facilities to make sure that sufficient parking and bike racks are being proposed. All members agreed that stripping, bike loops, parking and bike racks are the major issues to be addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Still have 1 vacancy
- Chris Hauge will be on vacation next month, and Steve Cheu may not be able to attend the next month's meeting.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Bikeways Master Plan – Quarterly reviews starting in June to ensure planned items are moving ahead – next will be held in September
- Review Old List of Traffic Signals that Need Upgrading and Start Presentation to PRC to Set Policy of Putting Detector Loops in the Bike Lanes
- Present striping plans for BTAC input

- Butterfield Boulevard Linear Park – Present the plans to show the bike lane
- Include a sign during a construction project to say the bike lane is closed and the roads are being shared.
- Member Clark – would like to develop the trails portion of this committee. He needs to know what we have and will make a proposal for future trails. Put on August or September agenda.
- Invite PD to the December meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2003 at 6:15pm.